

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

Last weekend, Plainfield Re-entry Educational Facility hosted its third annual Holiday Gift Exchange for fathers participating in the Children's Visitation Center (CVC) program. Ten incarcerated fathers and thirteen of their children enjoyed a holiday feast together, sang songs, and then gathered around the Christmas tree to open presents.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility volunteers held three unit parties to bring some Christmas spirit to the students.

At their regular quarterly meeting, Indiana Correctional Peace Officer Fund board members were pleased to learn that staff have pledged nearly \$8,000 to the Fund through the SECC. See your facility's SECC coordinator to participate.

Mennonite Congregations from Indiana distributed cookies this week at the Correctional Industrial Facility. They went throughout the facility handing out cookies to staff and offenders.

Members of Parole District #5 are joining members of Jackson County law enforcement in this year's Shop with a Cop. The Parole Agents will shop with some of the 109 families who have children that are in need. The children will be able to get clothing and toys for the holidays.

As part of an ongoing commitment to employee appreciation events, Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted its annual staff Christmas Party last weekend at the FOP Lodge in Anderson. Several door prizes donated by local vendors were presented throughout the evening.

Henryville Correctional Facility offenders arrived at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility this week to work on the construction of the Education Building. The projected date of completion is January 7, 2010.

Approximately 20 Pendleton Correctional Facility staff members attended the facility's second Promoting Positive Correctional Culture program this week at the facility's Training Center.

During November, 23 bicycles were reconditioned in the Pendleton Correctional Facility's Shifting Gears operation. 412 bikes have been refurbished so far this year.

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility's Lt. Amanda Pirtle and Officer Roxanne Henderson took part in the Vincennes Police Department's Shop with a Cop event for needy kids this week and presented them with a \$240 check on behalf of the facility's Inside Out Dad's Program.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility students helped prepare care packages to IDOC employees deployed overseas.

Miami Correctional Facility's Business Office raised \$211.59 during a bake sale this week. The business office held the sale to help offset the costs of a Wii console and games to be purchased for the Stepping Stone Shelter in northern Indiana. The shelter is for women and children.

Pendleton Correctional Facility off-ground work crews logged 2,320 hours of community service during November.

The Employee Action Planning Committee at Westville Correctional Facility hosted the facility's annual Christmas Party last weekend. A catered dinner, holiday entertainment, and dancing to the DJ filled the delightful evening at a location that overlooked beautiful Lake Michigan. Nearly 300 staff members, their guests, contract employees and retirees attended the celebration.

Boy Scout Troop #1888 from Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility is still collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The Boy Scouts have counted over 24,000 pop tabs this year. The Scouts are also collecting aluminum cans.

Putnamville Correctional Facility staff brainstormed at a 2-day retreat focusing on maintaining existing high standard levels and improving upon facility operations and programs in light of budget constraints. Capitalizing on resources, facility graduates of the Department's Experienced and Emerging Leaders Program served as focus group coordinators. During the retreat, State Representatives Nancy Michaels (see picture, right) and Vern Tincher visited and addressed staff. "I support community partnerships and look forward to working with Commissioner Buss," stated Representative Michaels.



"Action springs not from thought, but from a readiness for responsibility." ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer